GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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DE RESERVATION OF ITEMS FROM SMALL SCALE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cleared de-reservation of more items from the small scale sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the de-reservation of the items has been made to favour MNCs and big industrial houses;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the likely impact of the de-reservation of more items on SSI units along with the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA)

(a) to (b): The number of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector has been reduced from 873 in 1984 to 20 items as on date. The last delisting was done in the year 2010 for one item namely 'PVC Pipes including conduits-Upto - 110 mm dia and Fittings for PVC pipes including conduits upto - 110 mm dia'. Review of the list of items reserved for small scale sector is a continuous process. Items are de- reserved by the Government based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee constituted under Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.The Advisory Committee considers de-reservation of items to achieve economies of scale, technological upgradation, competitiveness and to counter cheap imports.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): No adverse impact of de-reservation has been specifically reported from anywhere.